

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Status

Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 11-17 are pending. Claims 1 and 11 are currently amended. Claims 2, 5, 6, 9 and 10 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claim 1 is amended to restore its status to that of claim 1 filed on November 12, 2008, with the addition of component (F) which finds support in paragraph [0033] of the specification. Claim 11 is amended to restore its status to that of claim 11 filed on November 12, 2008. Claim 12 is added and finds support in claim 2 filed on July 6, 2009. Claims 13-16 are added and find support in claims 5, 6, 9 and 10, respectively, filed on November 12, 2008. Claim 17 is added and finds support in paragraph [0033] of the specification. No new matter is believed to have been entered.

§112, 1st paragraph, Rejection

Claim 1 is rejected as failing to comply with the written description requirement. More specifically, the Office alleges that the mass ratio of component (A) to component (B) of 60:40 to 90:10 (as amended from 50:50 to 95:5) is not supported by the specification.

As claim 1 has been amended to restore the mass ratio of component (A) to component (B) to that of the original ratio of 50:50 to 95:5, Applicants submit that this rejection has been overcome. As such, Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

§103(a) Rejections

Claims 1, 3, 7, 8 and 11 (and presumably claim 4 even though item 3 on page 3 of the outstanding Office Action fails to list claim 4) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious in view of the combination of *Laughner '154* (US 5,369,154), *Laughner '686* (US 4,786,686), *Meyer* (US 2004/0030090), *Paul* (US 4,569,970) and *Nodera* (US 6,001,929) as

evidenced by *Wypych* (Handbook of Fillers, 2000). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

The Office again asserts that the claimed polycarbonate resin composition is rendered obvious by varying combinations of the cited references due to the fact that all of the components of the claimed resin are taught when the references are taken in combination.

At the outset, Applicants point out that *none* of the cited references disclose component (F) of the claimed polycarbonate resin composition. Accordingly, Applicants submit that no combination of the cited references establishes a *prima facie* case of obviousness due to each reference's failure to disclose or suggest component (F) of Applicants' claimed polycarbonate resin composition.

Furthermore, Applicants submit that, assuming *arguendo* that a *prima facie* case of obviousness did exist, which it does not, the claimed invention is non-obvious over the cited references for at least the following reasons.

As paragraph [0033] of the specification explains, the inclusion of component (F) provides for "further improved flame retardance" and "[w]hen component (F) is added in an amount of 0.1 or more parts by mass, an effect of further improving flame retardance is provided, while added in an amount of 3 or less parts by mass, an effect of improving flame retardance corresponding to the added amount of component (F) is obtained." Applicants point out that Examples 7 and 8 of Table 1 on page 24 of the specification provide such embodiments containing component (F) and exhibiting enhanced flame retardance.

Accordingly, not only do the cited references, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest the claimed composition comprising components (A), (B) *and* (F) as claimed, but the cited references, alone or in combination, also fail to disclose or suggest the enhanced flame retardance of such a combination of components.

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In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that no combination of the cited references renders obvious the claimed invention, and as such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness rejections of record.

Conclusion

For the reasons discussed above, Applicants submit that all now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections and passage of this case to issue.

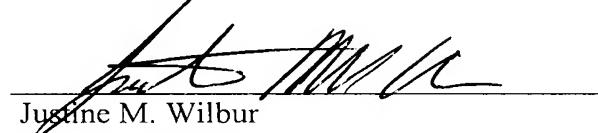
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